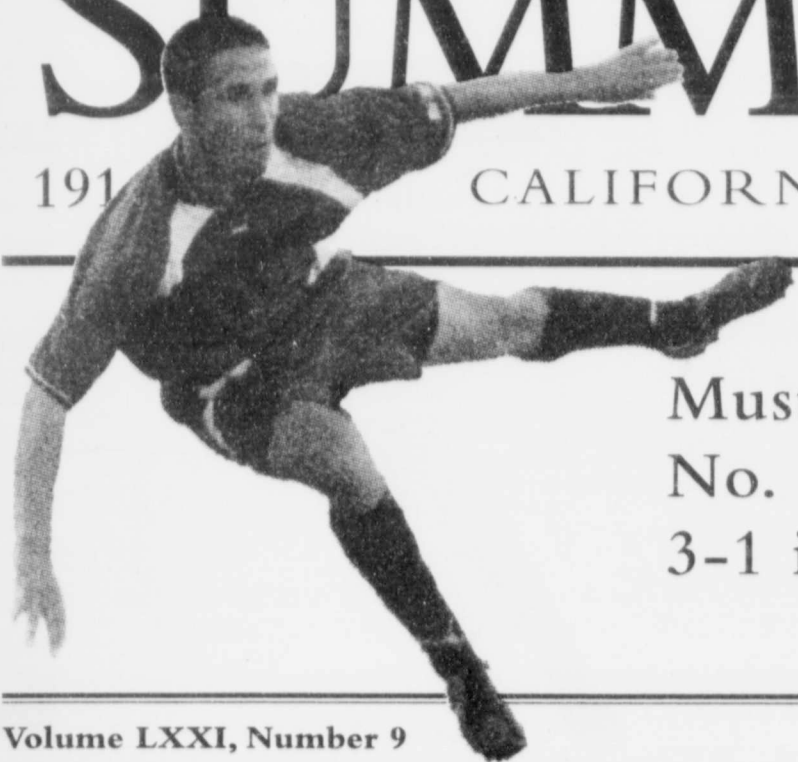


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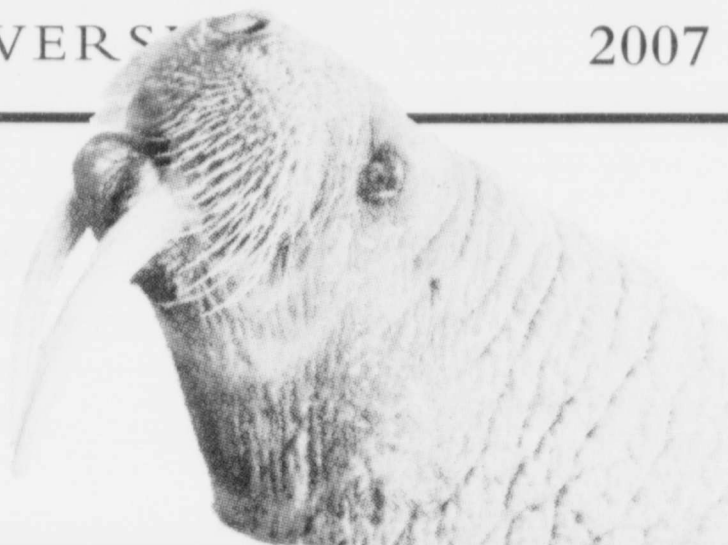


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Craft center to offer improved surfboard shaping shop

Jesse Over
MUSTANG DAILY

The Craft Center is an important part of the University Union, with its variety of equipment and classes available. There is a huge kiln, potters' wheels, a glass-blowing center, a full carpenters quarters, a bike shop, a photography darkroom and surfboard shaping shop.

The Craft Center was never very visible to the passerby, but things are changing with the current construction. A long window will be installed so students and faculty walking by can see all the activities going on, assistant director for programs Daren Conner said.

To make the Craft Center more accessible, it will now sport a roll-up type door similar to Julian's. This will help to make the

Craft Center more inviting because everything will be in plain sight, Conner said.

The biggest change of the construction is the relocation of the surfboard shaping shop. The plan is to eliminate the photography lab, and in its place provide a more functional surf shop.

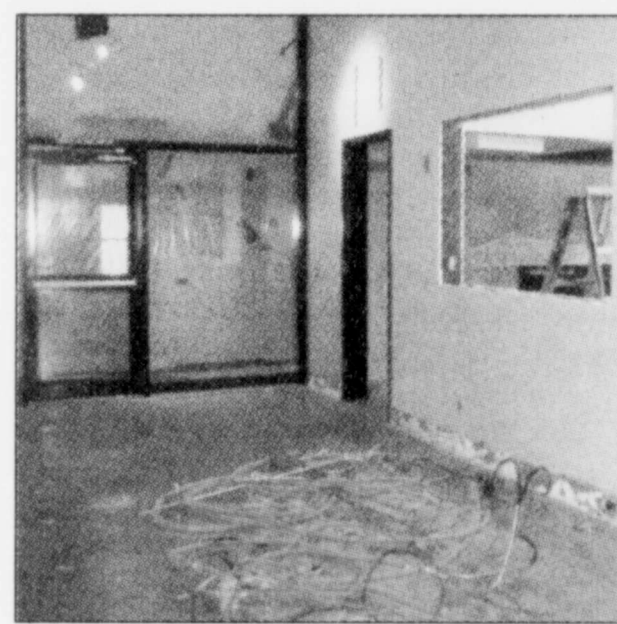
"It's too bad," photography professor Robert Howell said. "That lab has served thousands of people with great experiences, too." However, the art department is incorporating a beginner's class that works with digital photography, but will maintain an advanced class for film, so "it's not the end of it," Howell said.

Conner took this into consideration, and agreed that taking out the darkroom will be unfortunate for those who used it, but the board shop will be used more often, with a higher turnout in terms of product.

The board shop's new lighting will assist surfboard shapers in making the product as smooth as possible.

"The best way to have the light is with short horizontal light that hangs above the board stations. This forms a light blanket over the board and shows the imperfections," Conner said.

The Craft Center construction should be done by the beginning of September. The board shaping classes will each accommodate six to seven students with multiple classes running throughout the quarter. The shop has all the tools needed to make your own surfboard, and costs \$150 for the class and more than \$200 for glassing the board. Whether you are signed up for the board shaping class or already savvy, you do not need to be supervised to just roll in and let your artistic juices flow.



GRAIG MANTLE MUSTANG DAILY

The photography lab in the Craft Center is being taken out to make room for the new surfboard shaping shop.

Marathons for a cure

Mollie Helmuth
MUSTANG DAILY

Finishing one marathon (26.2 miles) is a remarkable feat. Ultra-marathon runners undergo 60 or even 100-mile runs in their quest for endurance; however, no one has ever attempted the challenge local runner and Cal Poly alumnus Tim Borland is facing this fall: 63 marathons in 63 consecutive days.

Borland, 31, created and is running the first "Cure Tour" in which he will run one marathon each day in 63 different communities across the nation to raise money in partnership with the A-T Children's Project, a nonprofit organization that raises money to pay researchers to find life improvement therapies and a cure for Ataxia-Telangiectasia, Borland said.

Ataxia-Telangiectasia, commonly known as A-T, is a rare genetic disease among children.

"A-T causes relentless loss of muscle control due to brain cell death," explained Jennifer Thornton, executive director of the A-T Children's Project, in an e-mail interview.

"Children with A-T are trapped in their own bodies — their minds are vibrant, but their bodies are deteriorating." Most children with the disease are in a wheelchair by age 10 and do not survive past their teens.

Borland, who ran for the Cal Poly triathlon team for three years, has a history of pushing normal physical limits. He began running in 1998 to lose weight and competed in Wildflower's half-Ironman the same year.

Since then, he has run 25 marathons and competed in several ultra-marathons, eventually deciding that his faith was prompting him to use his gift for more. "I just got to the point where I felt the desire in my heart and was losing fulfill-



LAUREN RABAINO MUSTANG DAILY

ment in climbing the ladder," Borland said.

Borland was inspired to create the Cure Tour through his close friendship with fellow runner Jim Achilles, whose daughter Cathryn, 15, has A-T. Achilles ran his first marathon in Florida with Borland as "Team Cathryn," where the two spent time visiting families who had children with A-T.

"To see Jim putting everything he had into running for his daughter, when you see these kids in wheelchairs, dancing, and parents just broken ... the disease decided that," Borland said.

The pieces just seemed to fall into place as he worked with the A-T Children's Project in

getting the Cure Tour started, although even the nonprofit thought it was extreme at first.

"They thought I was nutty," Borland said. He wants to communicate that the intention of the entire event is not to prove anything, but rather to raise awareness and money for families suffering from A-T.

The A-T Children's Project hopes the magnitude of the event will draw attention and support from communities Borland visits.

"If you're going to get national recognition, you have to do something that has the wow factor," Borland said. He will be pushing a stroller
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3 males arrested on suspicion of stolen goods

Jennifer Ingan
MUSTANG DAILY

Three males were arrested early Sunday morning in San Luis Obispo for reportedly being in possession of stolen property that was all taken from unlocked vehicles parked either on the street or in a driveway, according to police.

At about 3:30 a.m., police were investigating recent auto burglaries at the 100 block of Foothill Road when they approached Pooyan Eslambolipour, 18, of Arroyo Grande; Cesar Figueroa, 19, of Oceano; and a juvenile male from Oceano.

Two of the males allegedly discarded stolen Razor scooters just before they were approached by police, according to a press release. One male, seated on a supposedly stolen bicycle, had a couple of local warrants.

Police said they found several credit cards and other forms of identification not belonging to the three males on the ground and in the possession of the males.

Police contacted two victims
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the entire time, either with a child with A-T or without to symbolize those taken by the disease.

Although some have doubts, the majority of feedback Borland has received is positive.

Cal Poly psychology senior Caitlin Madden has been trying to convince herself to train for a marathon and was shocked to see a poster for the Cure Tour.

"I can't believe one person could do that — your body just isn't supposed to do that," Mad-

den said. "I hope he finishes, though."

The tour will begin in Anaheim, Calif. (Disneyland half-marathon event) on Sept. 3 and finish Nov. 4 at the New York City Marathon. San Luis Obispo, Borland's hometown, will be his second stop.

There will be a tailgate party at Borland's alma mater, San Luis Obispo High School, on Sept. 4 at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and include dinner, a T-shirt and optional 3-mile fun run. A daily blog of the tour and more information can be found at the A-T Children's Project Web site: www.atcp.org.

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and they confirmed that the property was stolen. Most of the stolen items were taken along Patricia Drive, said San Luis Obispo Police Department Capt. Dan Blanke. Thefts from unlocked cars are rather common in San Luis Obispo, he added.

Both Eslambolipour and Figueroa were booked into county jail and bail was set at \$20,000 each. The juvenile male was booked into juvenile hall.

The males could face charges of possession of stolen

property, burglary tools, and a dangerous weapon, which in this case is an illegal knife. According to the penal code, the knife is illegal to possess because its sole purpose is to be used as a weapon, Blanke said.

Some of the burglary tools included screwdrivers, flashlights and gloves. Under normal circumstances, having these items wouldn't be suspicious, Blanke said. However, since it was 3 a.m. and the males were out and about, having these items is considered suspicious, he added.

Any information about this incident can be referred anonymously to Crime Stoppers at (805) 549-STOP.

14 U.S. troops die in helicopter crash

Kim Gamel
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Fourteen U.S. soldiers were killed Wednesday when a Black Hawk helicopter crashed during a nighttime mission in northern Iraq, but the military said it appeared the aircraft was lost by mechanical problems and not from hostile fire.

It was the Pentagon's worst single-day death toll in Iraq since January and indicated how forces are relying heavily on air power in offensives across northern regions after rooting out many militant strongholds in Baghdad and central regions.

But extremists are striking back.

A suicide truck bombing against a police station in the northern oil hub of Beiji claimed at least 45 lives — 25 policemen and 20 civilians — amid a series of deadly attacks north of the capital.

The growing bloodshed in the North carries a mixed message. It suggests some success for the U.S.-led security sweeps seeking to reclaim control of areas in and around Baghdad. But it also highlights the apparent resilience of groups such as al-Qaida in Iraq as they retaliate and seek new footholds.

The White House, meanwhile, sought to quiet a political tempest with Iraq's prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki.

President Bush, speaking to a veterans' convention in Kansas City, Mo., called al-Maliki "a good man with a difficult job." Bush added: "I support him."

Just hours earlier, al-Maliki lashed out at American criticism over his gov-

ernment's inability to bridge political divisions or stop the violence, warning he could "find friends elsewhere."

The spat appeared to ease, but al-Maliki's sharp words signaled a fraying relationship with his key backer nearly three weeks before Congress receives a pivotal progress report on Iraq.

The UH-60 helicopter went down before dawn in the Tammim province that surrounds Kirkuk, an oil-rich city 180 miles north of Baghdad, said Lt. Col. Michael Donnelly, a military spokesman in northern Iraq.

He declined to be more specific about the location of the crash, but said the facts gathered indicated it was almost certainly due to a mechanical problem and not hostile fire. The final cause remained under investigation, however.

The Black Hawk was one of two helicopters and had just picked up troops after a mission when it crashed, Donnelly said. The four crew members and 10 passengers aboard were assigned to Task Force Lightning, but the military did not release further information about their identities pending notification of relatives.

A U.S. soldier also was killed and three others were wounded Wednesday during fighting west of Baghdad, the military said separately.

The total of 15 was the largest single-day death count since 25 U.S. soldiers were killed around the country on Jan. 20, including 12 who died in a helicopter crash. The deadliest crash occurred Jan. 26, 2005 when a CH-53 Sea Stallion transport helicopter went down in a sandstorm in western Iraq, killing 31 U.S. troops.

The U.S. military relies heavily on helicopters to avoid the threat of ambushes and roadside bombs — the deadliest weapon in the militants' ar-

senal — and dozens have crashed in accidents or been shot down.

Wednesday's deaths raised to at least 3,722 members of the U.S. military who have died since the Iraq war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The Sept. 15 deadline for the Iraq progress to Congress leaves Bush little time to show that the U.S. troop buildup is succeeding in providing the enhanced security the Iraqi leaders need to forge a unified way forward.

U.S. commanders have warned that extremists would step up the violence this month in a bid to upstage the report, which comes amid a fierce debate over whether Bush should start withdrawing American troops.

A string of attacks hit across northern Iraq.

The deadliest strike blasted a police station in a residential area in Beiji, 155 miles north of Baghdad, according to police and hospital officials.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to release the information, said 25 policemen and 20 civilians were killed. The officials also said 57 civilians and 23 officers were wounded.

Jassim Saleh, 41, who lives about 500 yards from the blast site, said he saw an explosives-laden truck carrying stones ram the police station. But other reports described it as a fuel tanker.

"It was a horrible scene. I can't describe it," he said. "The bodies were scattered everywhere. I was injured in my hand and a leg, but I took three wounded people to the hospital in my car."

Brig. Gen. Kevin Bergner, a U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad, said the attack bore all the hallmarks of al-Qaida in Iraq, which appears to be trying to retrench in parts of northern Iraq.

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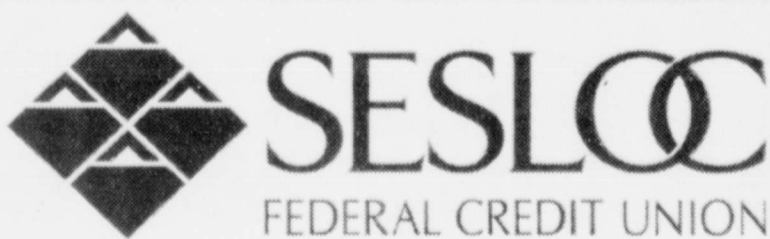
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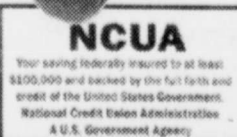
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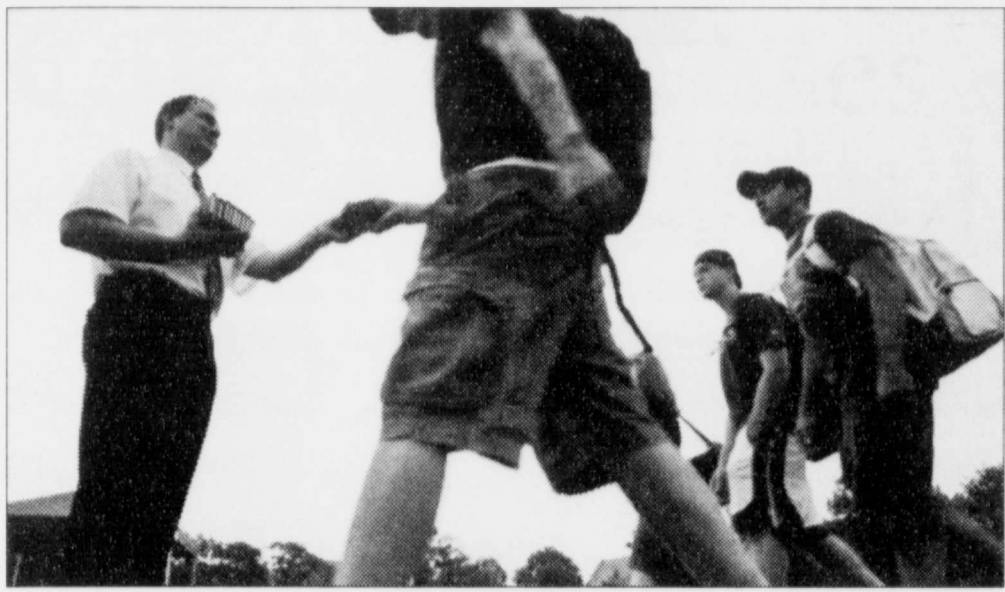
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Va. Tech panel reviews campus procedures

Sue Lindsey and Dionne Walker
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Virginia Tech's internal review of the campus massacre recommended Wednesday more monitoring of troubled students, classroom locks and other security measures.

The panel made no assessment of the actions school staff took April 16, when more than two hours elapsed between the time student gunman Seung-Hui Cho killed two students in a dormitory and the time he killed 30 other people and himself in a classroom building.

University President Charles Steger named committees to look at counseling services, security and communication following the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

A panel appointed by Gov. Timothy M. Kaine is investigating the handling of the shootings as well as Cho's background, and its report is due out next week.

At a news conference, Steger said the investigation of the university's actions should be done by an outside panel, not the school, and that he had recommended that the governor form the panel that will issue its report next week. He also again defended the university's decision not to lock down buildings after the first two shootings.

"Such a lockdown is simply not feasible on a campus that's the size of a small city," he said.

In calling for creation of a team of police, counselors and other univer-

sity personnel to monitor students who may pose a threat to themselves or others, the counseling committee said Tech needs a better system to deal with such students.

The university also should improve security with interior locks on classroom doors and Internet-based message boards alerting the campus of emergencies, the security and communications panels said.

The university's security committee recommended instructing students on what to do in emergencies; installing interior locks on 157 general assignment classrooms; removing "drop bar" door handles that can be chained, and possibly installing electronic key card access to academic and administrative buildings.

Dormitories currently are accessed with key cards, and Tech recently required that the cards be used 24 hours a day.

The four classrooms that Cho entered in Norris Hall could not be locked from inside, and he had chained exit doors with bar handles to delay police entry into the building.

In the area of communications, a mass notification system such as Internet-based message boards in the classrooms and at campus entrances was recommended.

Tech told students and staff of the shooting at West Ambler Johnston dormitory in an e-mail that went out at 9:26 a.m., more than two hours after those killings. By that time, police believe Cho already was in Norris Hall.

State

PISMO BEACH, Calif. (AP) — The pigeons of the Pismo Pier won't become zoo food.

The Pismo Beach City Council reversed course Tuesday on a measure that would have used a trap-and-kill eradication program for the estimated 400 pigeons that flock to the pier every day, opting for a contract with the Humane Pigeon Relocation Group instead.

That Santa Maria-based organization plans to remove the pigeons, along with their eggs and nests, to a farm in Cuyama, and to put netting under the pier to keep new birds from roosting there.

The Council had voted unanimously in July to hire a pest control company to trap and kill the pigeons and to use their carcasses for food for the animals at Zoo to You, a zoo for abused and abandoned animals in Paso Robles.

National

HUNTINGTON, Utah (AP) — Coal mine boss Bob Murray said Wednesday he is hurt by critics who say he ran an unsafe mine and wasn't doing enough to find six missing miners trapped deep underground. He said he emotionally "came apart" after a second cave-in killed three rescuers.

"I didn't desert anybody," Murray told The Associated Press in the middle-of-the-night phone call. "I've been living on this mountain every day, living in a little trailer."

Murray, 67, described the scene of the second collapse that killed the three rescue workers and injured six others last Thursday.

He said he rushed into the mine in his street clothes and began digging out the men, buried under 5 feet of coal, with his bare hands. "I never hesitated to go in there. I was the first man in and the last man out," he said.

International

TECOLUTLA, Mexico (AP) — Hurricane Dean struck the Mexican mainland Wednesday for a second time after battering oil platforms in the Gulf and forcing thousands to flee.

The sprawling storm made landfall near the port of Tecolutla in Veracruz state on the central Gulf coast as a Category 2 hurricane with maximum sustained winds reaching 100 mph.

It quickly weakened, with its winds falling to 85 mph and Category 1 status, as it pushed inland.

Dean's center hit the tourism and fishing town of Tecolutla just hours after civil defense workers in yellow raincoats loaded the remaining residents onto army trucks for a trip to inland shelters. But there was no escaping the sprawling storm's hurricane-force winds, which lashed at least 60 miles of the Veracruz coast.

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Polar bear vs. walrus in 'Arctic'

Mollie Helmuth
MUSTANG DAILY

"Arctic Tale" is a documentary following a polar bear cub and walrus calf through their first eight years in the Great North. While the film was beautifully shot, it was not far from watching an hour and 25 minutes of "Animal Planet" with an improved soundtrack and narration, of course, by Queen Latifah.

Seela, the walrus calf, and Nanu, the polar bear cub, are just starting out their lives in the harsh North as "Arctic Tale" begins. They are accompanied by their mothers (referred to as "Mom" and "Mama Bear") and, in Seela's case, an "Auntie" who will act as a protector for her first three years. It is easy to forget that the main characters were animals and assigned them human-level emotional investment, especially because they had stage names and were absolutely adorable.

Not surprisingly, the National Geographic film, locally showing only at the Palm Theatre, is produced by the same people who made "March of the Penguins."

In a similar style, "Arctic Tale" features vivid scenes of the Great North and sweeping panoramas over the Arctic Sea that are absolutely breathtaking. Again, for those who enjoy "Animal Planet" specials, it will be perfectly entertaining.

The film did a beautiful job of capturing and personalizing the chilly world its char-

acters live in. It seemed to depend little on Latifah's narration and more on the blend of creative camera angles and an artsy music selection. Aimee Mann and Zach Gill's "At the Edge of the World" is hypnotic when paired with undersea footage. Others such as Matt Costa, Pearl Jam and The Shins give the film an edgier, modern feel.

Throughout the story it was difficult to decide which species to sympathize with, especially because the polar bears were constantly trying to eat the walruses, a conflict which at one point escalated to an epic battle between Mama Bear and the humongous Auntie. (For the record, a fight between a polar bear and a walrus is something everyone should see at some point in their life.)

Of course, the underlying theme eventually exposed itself when the end of summer failed to bring back the same volume of ice the animals were used to (due to global warming, in case that wasn't obvious). Heart-wrenching shots of the walruses trying to find an ice raft and the polar bears struggling to hunt are accompanied by Latifah's cliché comments about the "new winter."

Journalism senior Sean Michetti saw "Arctic Tale" without much preconceived notion; however, he felt that it brought to light the issue of animals' survival instincts being put to the test after millions of years of adaptation.

"I liked how they took shots from the walruses' vantage point and tried to play it off to



COURTESY PHOTO

Polar bear cub Nanu discovers life in the Great North in "Arctic Tale," a documentary narrated by actress and performing artist Queen Latifah. The film is currently playing at the Palm Theatre.

be the walruses' point of view," Michetti said of the film.

In rare form and to its credit, the narrative never attempts to lecture about global climate change or turn the film into a blame game. It simply describes and displays the environment arctic animals survive in and how it is changing. It might be passive-aggressive, but it is also refreshing that the film is strictly a documentary on animals and not an excuse to

bash the human race.

Anything more than the \$5 matinee ticket would have made seeing this film in theaters not worth it; however, a daytime showing at the quirky little theater is worth paying for this short, sensory experience. If you don't get around to seeing the actual movie, try listening the soundtrack and putting on a muted episode of "Blue Planet" while it plays in the background.

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Paul Cambon and Brian Cassidy are music directors at KCPR, San Luis Obispo, 91.3 FM. These are their favorite new albums of the week.

Quirky short stories a good read

Janelle Eastridge
MUSTANG DAILY

Miranda July — the jack-of-all-creative-trades who wrote, directed and starred in 2005's "Me and You and Everyone We Know," a quirky indie film that received the Caméra d'Or award in Cannes, among other industry nods — has accomplished yet another artistic feat: She has published her first collection of short stories.

The aptly titled "No One Belongs Here More Than You" is a compilation of 16 short stories, many of which have previously been published in such well-known magazines as "The New Yorker," "The Paris Review" and "Harper's." The book was released May 15, 2007.

The work as a whole, and each piece in particular, is an eccentric yet poignant glimpse into human existence. And, like her other artistic endeavors (and there have been many from this up-and-coming, über-talented artist), July crafts her stories by weaving the mundane with the quirky.

For example, in "The Swim Team," a woman recalls, in an attempt to win back a former boyfriend, a memory she wouldn't convey to him while they were together. Cash-strapped, young and alone, she once taught three elderly people in a small Nevada town how to swim on her kitchen floor, she remembers.

But it is only in retrospect that she realizes that sharing this intimate secret could have possibly made a difference: "If I had thought this would be at all interesting to you I would have told you earlier, and maybe we would still be going out."

In another story, "Making Love in 2003," a writer fresh out of college goes in search of a former counselor (who just so happens to be Madeleine L'Engle's husband) who saw a potential book idea in the young woman's past. We are told of her love affair with a shadow (yup, a shadow) as a 15-year-old. When she decides she wants a real boyfriend, though, the youth learns that it is "a terrible mistake to let go of something wonderful for something real."

These stories, as well as most of the others in July's 201-page tome, twist and turn in seemingly obscure directions until ending in a bitter-sweet finale.

And, although each piece may seem disparate from the next, July's distinct sense of humor, unconventional subject matter (including an unabashed use of sexuality) and focus on the loneliness and failure to communicate the modern world promises ensures that there is some sort of fluidity.

At times, it's easy to confuse the hermetic musings of July's main characters, be it the old leather purse-maker who has never experienced love but begins to fantasize about a



COURTESY PHOTO

Director, actress and writer Miranda July recently published a collection of 16 short stories that touch on love, sexuality and loneliness.

co-worker's non-existent pubescent sister, or the middle-aged woman trapped in a dead-end and sexually devoid marriage, with July herself

(for those familiar with her, that is).

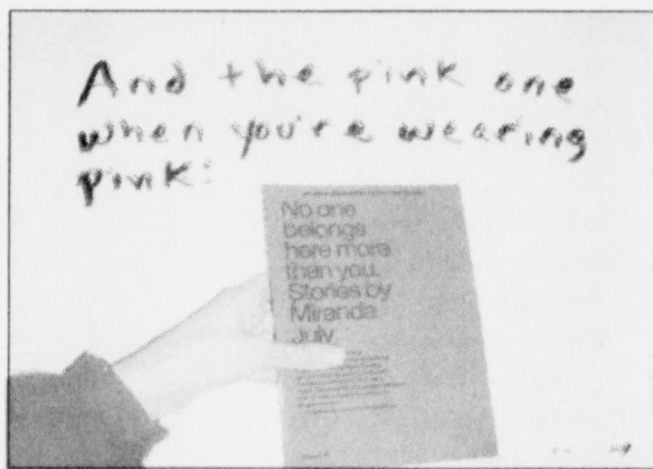
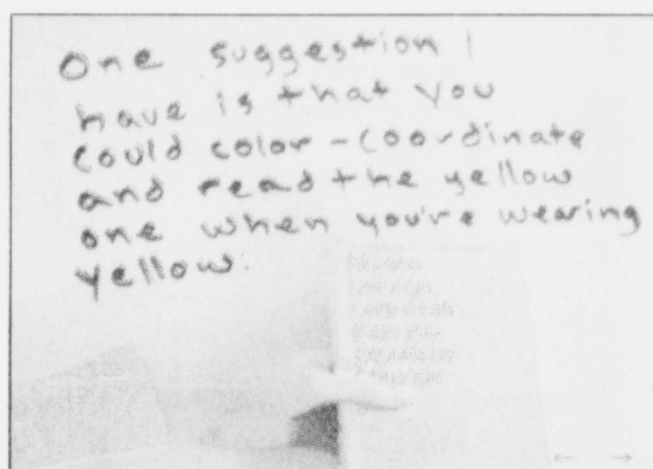
The characters — like July herself, as one can only assume — are all slightly awkward yet (thankfully) emotionally aware and thoughtful.

Though her writing is straightforward and concise, her voice, however poetic and creative it may be, has a sort of consistency that can be unnerving and monotonous at times; each story, though different, has the same familiar underlying tone.

But this is not enough to take away from July's latest artistic achievement.

Through her creative fiction, July proves that she can somehow appeal to anyone and that yes, no one does belong here more than you because, as odd as her stories may initially seem, we all have had (or will have, or will know someone who knows someone who has had) similar experiences to her characters.

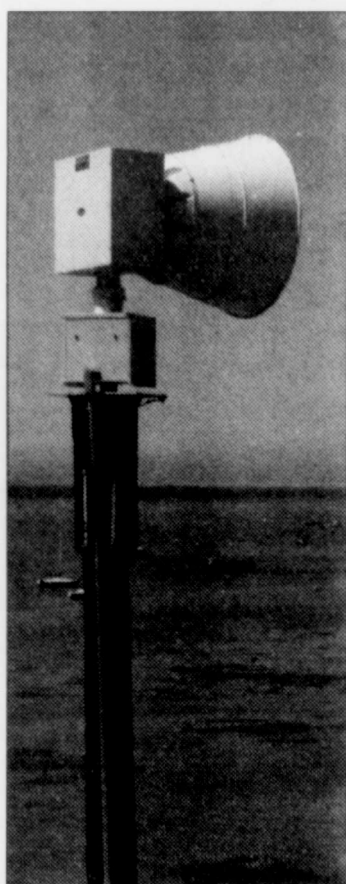
For more information on "No One Belongs Here More Than You," check out July's custom-made book Web site at www.noonebelongs heremorethanyou.com. A glimpse at the out-of-the-box, interactive Web format itself (seriously, it features hand-written messages July scribbled across her refrigerator and stove top) is worth the time.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Miranda July suggests how to read her new book (which comes in two colors) on her Web site, www.noonebelongs heremorethanyou.com.

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Dyeing to change

Brooke Robertson
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It's been speculated the reason women dye their hair blonde has something to do with generic clichés like, "blondes have more fun" or "men find blondes more attractive." Psh. As if.

Although aesthetics obviously have something to do with a woman's choice to dye her hair, one of the main reasons women change their physical appearance is to signify a change in their personal lives. When many women experience change, they change their hair.

Body image is commonly defined as a person's perception of his or her own physical appearance. When a person's body changes, so can the image of his or her self.

People take on physical transformations to emphasize changes in their lives, whether through exercising more or less, coloring or cutting hair, piercing a body part, or getting ink done.

Immediately after my roommate attended the last class of her college career this spring, she walked into a tattoo parlor and walked out with a 3-inch purple lotus flower on the side of her ribcage. She had planned the design to make a personal statement about who she is, and chose her timing to coincide with graduation, one of the defining moments in her life.

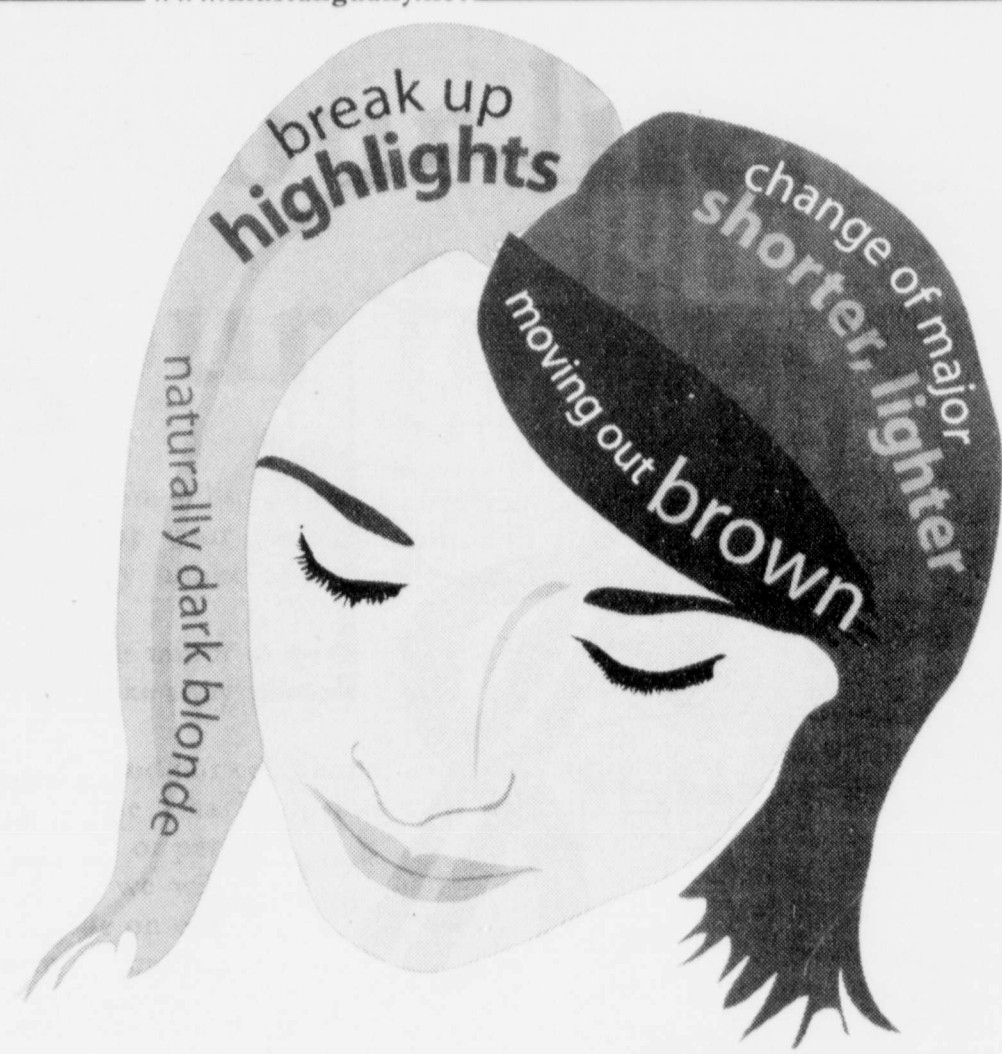
Hair color is an easy and much less permanent alternative women use to signify change.

According to a 2003 study by hair care industry consultant Kline & Co., 48 percent of people aged 16 to 20 use hair dye. This is the industry's largest market, with 40- to 49-year-old users coming in second at 45 percent.

The two age groups most likely to color their hair are the two age groups that stereotypically experience the most change. From ages 16 to 20, girls are becoming women. They're going to college, developing an idea of what they want in life, and discovering what's important to them. On the other hand, 40 is the age when women stereotypically go "over the hill." Many women ages 40 to 49 struggle with their body's transformation, and may look to hair dye as either a means to experiment with other change or to cover gray hairs and stay "young."

For women, hair styles play a decisive role in defining personal identity. This has also been true for me.

When I moved to London for a quarter to study, I grew up a lot. Even though I had been living away from home for almost two years, I had always had the security of living in a small college town where everything I needed



LAUREN RABAINO MUSTANG DAILY

was relatively close.

Living in London forced me to learn the huge, foreign city on my own. I tried new things, planned trips to other parts of the world, and made friends with fellow travelers from different countries. London gave me a thirst for life.

It also inspired me to dye my hair a merlot-colored red. As soon as I dyed my hair, American tourists began to regularly approach me for directions. The transformation from parent-influenced underclassman to independent world-traveler was complete.

That fall I changed my major, and chopped my long hair into a short bob that fell just below my chin. A new relationship led to a purpler, less natural shade of red. Permanently moving out of my parents' house led to dark brown, and friendship problems drew me to black. When I broke up with my boyfriend three months ago, my black hair accrued light brown streaks.

Did I purposefully plan to pick a new shade of hair color based on significant moments in my life? No. In fact, I didn't see the connection until my recent decision to once again change my hair color.

Now I'm going blonde. It's not because "blondes have more fun," or because my grandma thinks God wants my hair to be its natural color (I'm naturally a darker blond, and she's a little crazy). It's because I need a change. My hair color is something I can physically alter to convey a difference in choices and attitude, or emotional growth.

When you see me tomorrow I'll be a new woman with new priorities, and all the problems of my days dyed black will be gone.

Well, not really. But it'll be easier to take a step forward with my newly re-defined goals when I look and feel just a little different.

George W. Bush: Nothing like Adolf Hitler

Bob Lynch
DAILY MISSISSIPPIAN (U. MISSISSIPPI)

Boy, is our president ever despised. All over the world the topic of "how bad George W. Bush is" seems to be at the forefront of any politically charged conversation. Even in our nation, where some polls have the president's approval rating at an abysmal 29 percent, president-bashing is as cool as it has been since our biggest concerns dealt with a jowly Republican from California claiming that he was "not a crook."

Yes, we Americans love belittling our leaders, and why should we not? Our government is made "of us and for us," not "above us and our opinions." That is why we have amendments to our Constitution that serve to remind us it is totally OK, if not encouraged, to call George W. Bush an idiot.

Really, there is nothing more American than expressing one's discontent with leadership; it is simply an integral part of our psyche. I, as a proud dissenter, encourage every single one of my seven readers to voice his opinion, whatever it may be, on our government. Use your First Amendment rights! Just please keep it within the bounds of reason.

Over the last few years a rather disturbing trend in political discourse has been promoted by the feeble-minded debater whose "tactics" include topic-

dodging and sensationalism. This trend is, of course, comparing your political opponent to Adolf Hitler.

People love making Hitler references, especially when a certain 43rd President of the United States is involved. It does not really even matter if you are a Republican, Democrat or of any other political persuasion, because it seems, no matter what you are for or against, you will be likened to an evil, fascist mass-murderer at some point or another. You cannot honestly say you have not heard these arguments before:

"You support the war in Iraq? Then you must be a fan of the blitzkrieg!" "You are against the war in Iraq? Well, I see somebody is a big fan of leaving mean, mustached dictators like Hitler in power!"

Animal rights debates, anti-abortion rallies, congressional hearings and even church sermons have used this pathetic attempt to prove a point; and, honestly, no matter how vicious or clever the comparisons may be, they are all irrational and highly insensitive.

First, let us have a look at the rational qualities, assuming there are rational qualities, of these metaphors. Think about the political situation during the Third Reich. During that time, Germany had one political party, no parliamentary body and all executive orders were more or less rule by decree.

Now, think about our current political situation.

The Democrats control Congress, and President Bush will, after January 2009, be known as former President Bush.

Hitler was an evil super-genius, capable of transforming a defeated and economically disparate nation into the single most feared nation in the modern world. Bush has not really done, well, much of anything that could even be compared to that.

Essentially, you are really doing George W. Bush a great service when you compare him to Hitler, because you are likening him to someone who actually commanded authority and wielded power for several years.

Please, everyone, it is totally suitable and normal for people to disagree on a myriad of topics and, as a result of this disagreement, debate these issues. I just ask, when discussing or debating, keep out the Third Reich references. They are incredibly off-base and show a lack of true rhetorical ability and conviction of the debater. I feel this is nothing more than the debating equivalent of running into a crowded theater and screaming "fire!" Essentially, with these types of arguments, you demonstrate your lack of knowledge on the topic and your inability to form sensible and original thoughts.

Also, how do you think Hitler would feel if he knew you were all comparing him to George W. Bush?

Soccer

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Zamora then capped scoring for the night at the 89:23 mark, again putting one in from about 15 yards out after a mishandling by California goalkeeper Jordan Bethke.

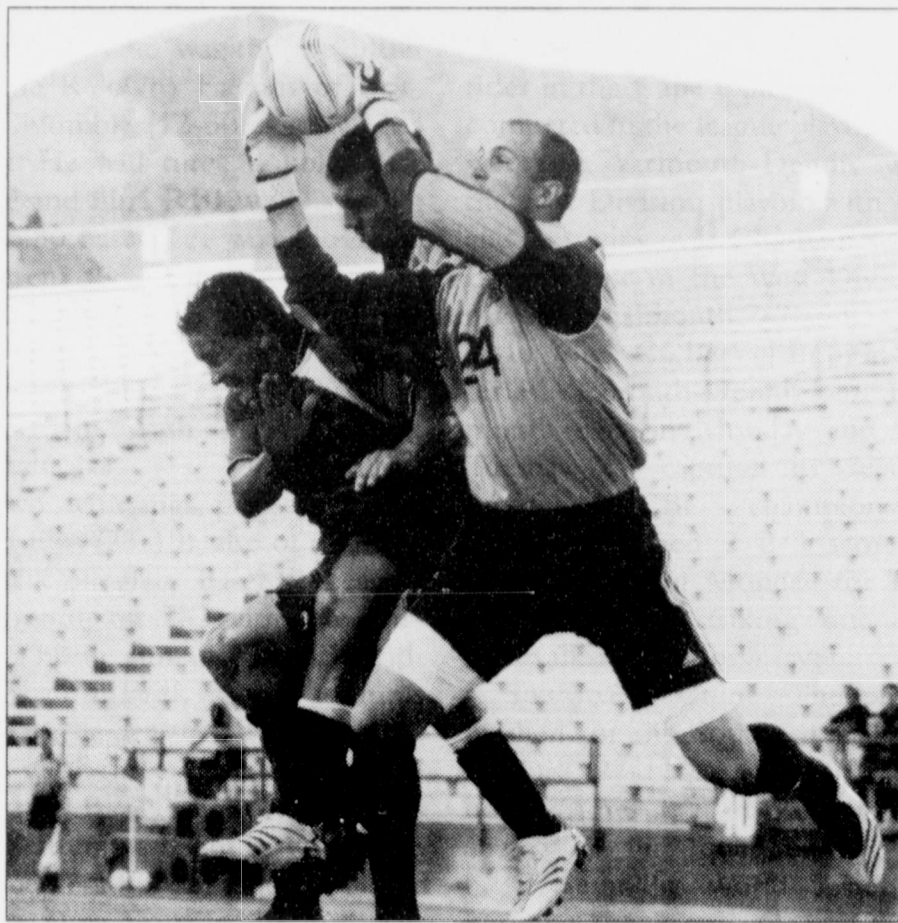
Despite the loss, California head coach Kevin Grimes was pleased with the opportunity to scrimmage with Cal Poly.

"It was a great atmosphere and we got the chance to play a very high-quality team in Cal Poly," Grimes said. "The best thing about preseason games is that they tell you where you are exactly as a team. We were able to find out numerous answers about ourselves tonight that we would not have had in training."

The Golden Bears were on their way back to Berkeley after spending pre-season training in Southern California.

For Holocher, the win was a good starting point for the season.

"We're going to keep it in perspective," Holocher said. "This was a pre-season game."



GRAIG MANTLE MUSTANG DAILY

California goal keep Stephan Frei makes a save as a Cal Poly forward and Golden Bear defender collide.

Bikes

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In the men's competition, the unstoppable No. 1 seed, Brian Lopes of Laguna Beach, swept local favorite Travis Collins (No.8) in round one and went on to the semi-finals with Cody Warren of Alpine, winning both races and then closing out the championship heat with 2006 NORBA champion Rich Houseman.

Houseman had barely advanced over Australian racer Wade Boots earlier in the semi-finals after Boots won but was disqualified in the first race because he went through a gate panel. Houseman went on to win the second based on the .93-second penalty time differential.

Lopes, a three-time world champi-

on and nine-time national champion, is now tied for first place in the overall season standings and will move on to compete in the final race in September. The victory was his second in San Luis Obispo with the Jeep race tour, and his third overall.

Lopes shared the day's glory with the winner in the women's competition, Anneke Beerten from the Netherlands, who already has two wins in the 2007 season toward a UCI World Cup Championship. "I felt great because at the first (Jeep) race I wasn't satisfied," said Beerten after her victorious championship heat. "This course suited me, I'm really stoked."

Beerten earned a bye after she placed No. 1 in the time trials, so she was automatically in the semi-finals racing Fion Griffiths (No. 4) of Great Britain. Her competition for

the championship heat was Melissa Buhl (No.3) of Chandler, Ariz. Buhl was recently named the U.S. National Champion and had a close-call semi-final victory over crowd favorite Tara Llanes from Los Alamitos, Calif.

Beerten and Buhl put on a good final show, with Beerten winning the first race and Buhl overtaking her in the second; Beerten still took the win due to the time differential.

Like Lopes, Beerten is now tied for first in the overall standings for the season.

The final showdown for the Jeep King of the Mountain series will be on Sept. 1 in Beaver Creek, Colo. and will determine the Men and Women's Professional Champions.

The race in San Luis Obispo will be aired on CBS on Sept. 23, from 5 to 6 p.m.

X-country

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hope and expectation," he said.

The theme for the cross country team this year is "anything is possible."

During last year's conference play the Mustangs went against a strong squad from UCSB that was favored to beat Cal Poly at the Big West conference meet.

The Mustangs didn't give up that easily.

"Our team wouldn't let that happen and as a result we won our fourth straight and seventh title in the past nine years," Conover said.

Last season gave Cal Poly many chances to show just how strong of a team they truly can be, for they accomplished all their goals even after they had lost a key member to a bike accident early in the season.

"What that did was allow the team to step up in his absence and still achieve their team goals," Conover said.

Matt Johnsrud may have been the victim of last year's bike accident but luckily this year he was granted another year of eligibility to pick up where he left off last season.

Conover says the team has learned not to take anything for granted and are prepared for any possible results.

"That shows how strong the west region is, so we will have to be on our toes all season long," he said.

The women's team should be well-prepared, as Kimberly Donatellie, last year's Big West Freshman of the Year, will lead the young group of returnees. Conover said Donatellie will be

joined by a solid group of incoming freshmen.

When it comes to the men's team, Phillip Reid has established himself as one of the team's top performers. Finishing 21st at the NCAA Championships, he is expected to outperform many this season.

"That is what we would call 'the real deal' type of performance, where Phillip established himself as one of the nation's best," Conover said. "It's a tribute to years of perseverance and dealing with the ups and downs that the sport teaches."

Conover says Reid's ability to be a team leader and the way he has been able to establish himself as a main force is through his self-belief and dedication.

Some more notable names to keep track of are Troy Swier, who won the 10,000-meter title at the Big West Track Championship in the spring and Joe Gatel, Evan Anderson and Jeff Lease, who all were track regional qualifiers.

While they prepare for the 2007 season's opening day on Sept. 1 at UCSB, the Mustangs have been taught to remain focused on the goal.

"Hopefully a summer spent thinking about what lies ahead along with some nice therapeutic running on a daily basis. Basically re-charging and enjoying the downtime that summer brings along with building up training volume," Conover said.

"The entire West region is very strong and Cal Poly will be hunted out in the Big West, and the other conference schools will be coming at us hard to knock us off," Conover said.

Ellerson

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achievement while at Cal Poly has been the creation of a team-building environment.

"We have a football culture here that breeds success on the field, in the classroom, and in the community," Ellerson said.

Coaching the Mustangs has been different from the three years he spent as defensive coordinator at the University of Arizona from 1997 to 2000.

He attributed that difference to the maturity of the players he has coached at Cal Poly.

"The community and institution of this school attract quality students with a love of the game who are well-grounded," Ellerson said.

Linebacker Mark Cordes is entering his fifth year in the football program. He said that having Ellerson as a coach has been a fun experience.

"He'll take care of you and won't run you into the ground. He knows you as a player and won't do overkill at practice," Cordes said. "I feel like he really knows what it takes to win and is a good coach because he cares about his players as individuals."

Ellerson said that the greatest challenge of coaching at Cal Poly has been

dealing with 100 men between the ages of 17 to 23 who go through difficult times.

In the past five to six years, Ellerson has only dealt with steroid use by one player. And although the budget for the Cal Poly football program is different from the budget that was available at University of Arizona, Ellerson said that the Mustangs have the necessary equipment and facilities to play the game.

"Football isn't about mortars and bricks, it's about flesh and blood," Ellerson said. "If frills are important to players, then Cal Poly isn't where they belong."

Ellerson began his first season as Cal Poly's 15th head football coach in 2001. Cal Poly was 6-5 that year, and had its first winning season since 1997.

Cal Poly made a 7-4 mark in 2003, and was ranked as high as No. 14 in national rankings midway through the season. The Mustangs made the playoffs but their season ended when Idaho State got a late 38-31 victory.

The 2004 Mustangs went 4-1 for the Big West Championship. They won their first seven games overall and ended the season with their most wins in seven years. The team was nationally ranked as high as No. 5 at one point during the season.

In 2005, Cal Poly finished 9-4 and went 6-0 at home. The first squad in 12 tries earned a spot in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs and reached the quarterfinal round before falling at Texas State. The Mustangs won four of five games against Big Sky Conference schools, the most in school history.

Last year, the Mustangs finished 7-4 and placed third in the Great West Football Conference. They beat a Division I-A team for the second time in four years.

Ellerson has led the Mustangs to four consecutive winning campaigns and hopes to capture a fifth.

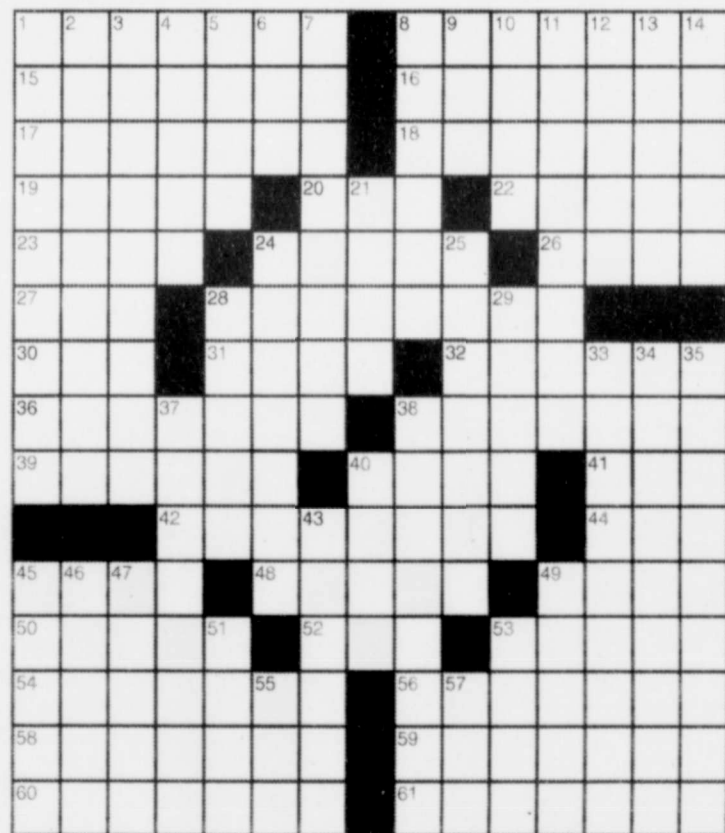
"This season a lot of players know where to go. This is an opportunity for us to take the game to another level; not a reason to relax," Ellerson said.

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Mustang Sports calendar

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Friday - Sunday

Shocker Volleyball Classic
Wichita, Kan.

Aug. 24
Cal Poly vs. Kansas State 3 p.m.
Aug. 25
Cal Poly vs. North Texas 3 p.m.
Aug. 26
Cal Poly vs. Wichita State Noon

Aug. 31 - Sept. 3

Holiday Inn Downtown Classic
Lincoln, Neb.

Aug. 31
Cal Poly vs. Penn State
In Lincoln, Neb. 2:30 p.m.
Sept. 2
Cal Poly vs. Creighton
In Omaha, Neb. 10:30 a.m.
Sept. 3
Cal Poly vs. Nebraska
In Lincoln, Neb. Noon

FOOTBALL

Sept. 1

Cal Poly @ Texas State
Bobcat Stadium,
San Marcos, Texas 4:05 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Saturday

Cal Poly @ Fresno State 7 p.m.
(scrimmage)

Aug. 31

Dayton @ Cal Poly
Spanos Stadium 7 p.m.

Sept. 2

Arizona @ Cal Poly
Spanos Stadium 1 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER

Sept. 1

Cal Poly @ Loyola Marymount
Sullivan Field, Los Angeles
2 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Sept. 1

Cal Poly @ UCSB Open
9 a.m.

Ellerson looks to build on past success

Laura Kasavan
MUSTANG DAILY

Rich Ellerson is ready for his seventh season as head coach of the Cal Poly football team.

He is 41-27 in his previous six seasons and can't remember a time in his life when he didn't have the desire to coach and teach.

These days though, Ellerson is thinking only of the next practice, and as the season starts on Sept. 1 at Texas State, he will only be thinking of the upcoming game.

"I hope this is my last job and I can retire here," Ellerson said. "I can't imagine having more fun."

In six seasons at Cal Poly, Ellerson has led the Mustangs to two Great West Football Conference championships, an NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) playoff berth and 33 wins in the last 47 games.

With Ellerson's defensively oriented coaching, a Cal Poly player has won the Buck Buchanan Award for the past three years. The award is presented to the nation's top Division I-AA college football defensive player.

Linebacker Kyle Shotwell received the award in 2006. As a defensive end, Chris Gocong was the recipient in 2005, and linebacker Jordan Beck won in 2004.

Ellerson was named the Division I-AA Independents Coach of the Year in 2003 and a year later was named Great West Football Coach of the Year. In 2004 he was also named the American Football Coaches Association Region 5 Coach of the Year.

Despite his many accomplishments as a coach on the field, Ellerson said that his most significant

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Poly tops Cal

The Mustangs top the No. 11 Golden Bears 3-1 in exhibition.

Josh Ayers
MUSTANG DAILY

David Zamora is the real deal.

The Cal Poly forward and freshman transplant from San Jose, Costa Rica scored all three of the Mustangs' goals in Cal Poly's 3-1 exhibition win over No. 11 California on Tuesday.

"He's a goal-scorer," head coach Paul Holocher said. "He's one of those guys that just lives to score goals and he's not happy when he's not scoring goals."

The exhibition was the first men's soccer game in the recently renovated Spanos Stadium and yielded an attendance of 2,821.

The Mustangs' first goal came in the sixth minute on a corner kick from Kyle Montgomery which was headed toward the weak side by Josh Didion and then sent to the back of the net on another header by Zamora.

Didion was credited for the



GRAIG MANTLE MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly freshman forward David Zamora heads the ball toward the goal in during the Mustangs 3-1 exhibition win against No. 11 California. Zamora recorded a hat trick in his first outing for the Mustangs.

assist on the play.

"We scored on a great set-piece," Holocher said. "So we get the early lead, which is great for our guys, you know, to give them confidence."

The Golden Bears answered back 24:13 into the game with midfielder Carrasco Servando hanging one in unassisted from about ten yards outside of the top of the penalty area during a transition.

The shot was just out of reach for Cal Poly goalkeeper Eric Brannagan-Franco. Brannagan Franco had four saves in the game.

The Mustangs went down a man early in the second period with Daniel Gray receiving a red card for a hard tackle during the 54th minute. He was ejected from the game giving the Golden Bears a one-man advantage.

Gray's ejection seemed to have little to no effect on the Mustangs as they maintained adequate control of the ball in offensive situations and were aggressive on defense.

"When we went down that player, the guys responded brilliantly to that adversity," Holocher said. "We dropped in a player and played in a 4-4-1,

and the main thing that we were coaching them from the sidelines, since there are no timeouts in soccer, was to keep them (California players) in front of you, make them play around the back but don't let them penetrate, and they did a great job."

Zamora picked up his second goal of the night in the 67th minute with an unassisted goal that was lobbed over California's goalkeeper, Patrick Fry, from the right side about 15 yards out.

Zamora had come in from a rest on the bench just seconds before the goal was scored.

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Pro biking comes to SLO

Mollie Helmuth
MUSTANG DAILY

The Jeep King of the Mountain 2007 Mountain Biking World Professional Championships came to San Luis Obispo on Saturday, hosted for the third year by the Madonna Inn. With 16 of the world's top mountain bike racers, the invitation-only race was on its second leg of three, with athletes competing for a part in the \$100,000 purse and the keys to a new 2008 Jeep Liberty.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Madonna Mountain was transformed Saturday to host the Jeep King of the Mountain 2007 Mountain Biking World Professional Championships.

Conover optimistic

Megan Priley
MUSTANG DAILY

This year Cal Poly's cross country team plans on running its way to victory by taking last year's efforts and kicking it up a notch.

Coach Mark Conover said the biggest challenge will be making sure they keep a business-like approach during the season.

"That means doing things right, including managing classwork, sleep, nutrition all in a way that will allow the team to function optimally and train to race well," Conover said.

It may sound like a challenging task, but all this team has to do is maintain for another year the consistency that they upheld last season as one of the top programs in the country.

Last season, the team qualified for the NCAA, finished 9th in the regional meet, and completed the season in 13th at the national meet.

Now the question is: Will the team be able to improve from 13th place?

Conover believes his expectations for this year's season are completely obtainable. "With the group I have running for me, that is a realistic

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